Town of Amherst Planning Commission Minutes August 1, 2007

A meeting of the Town of Amherst Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson June Driskill in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on August 1, 2007.

It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

P William Hathaway

Town Manager Jack Hobbs was present in his capacity as Secretary to the Commission.

First National Bank of Altavista

The Secretary reported that the site plan for a new bank to be built at the corner of S. Main Street and Hangar Road had been received and that all ordinance requirements have been met. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the site plan proposal as submitted. Mr. Hathaway seconded the motion which was carried 6-0 according to the following:

Jason Campbell	Aye	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Richard Wydner	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye		

Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Ambriar Area

The Secretary reviewed a revised Ambriar comprehensive plan amendment proposal and explained the attempts to clarify and address several issues discussed at and after the July 3 public hearing. The Commission agreed to hold a second public hearing on the proposal during its meeting on September 5.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Secretary distributed a first draft of the "background" portion of the proposed comprehensive plan document and suggested that the Commission review the material to prepare for a discussion on it at the September 5 meeting.

Ordinance Amendments

The Secretary reported that the required public hearings on proposed amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance

related to relief from front setback rules (§18.1-804), replacement of nonconforming structures (§18.1-601.2), and flood plains (§18.1-915) were held on July 3, but the Commission did not act on them at that time. Mr. Wydner made a motion to recommend that the Town Council approve these ordinance amendments as proposed. Mr. Jones seconded the motion which was carried 6-0 according to the following:

Jason Campbell	Aye	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Richard Wydner	Aye
William Hathaway	Ave		

The minutes of the July 3, 2007 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Wydner, seconded by Mr. LaBar, and carried 6-0 according to the following:

Jason Campbell	Aye	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Richard Wydner	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye		

The Secretary advised the Commission to expect a request to approve a site plan for a new condominium development on Dulwich Drive at the September 5 meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Hathaway made a motion that was seconded by Mr. LaBar and carried 6-0 according to the following to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM:

Jason Campbell	Aye	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Richard Wydner	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye		

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest:			